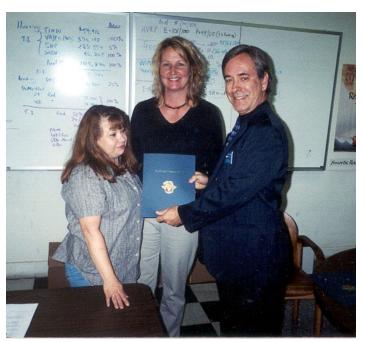
Swords to Plowshares presentations



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Following his presentation of California Veterans Board Certificates of Commendation, Steve Dakota (4th from left) joins (left to right) Maria Olivares, employment and training program director; Kim Valdez, support services director; Michael Blecker, executive director; James Robinson, intake coordinator; and Bill Davis, volunteer, at Swords to Plowshares' main offices in downtown San Francisco. The commendations honor Swords to Plowshares' success stories in five

different categories: formerly homeless veteran and homeless veterans services director, employee, volunteer and provider (Photos/Swords to Plowshares).



THANKS FOR CARING -- Steve Dakota (right) presents the California Veterans Board Certificate of Commendation to Maria Olivares (left), employment and training program director, and Kim Valdez, support services director, at Swords to Plowshares in San Francisco. The commendation honors Swords to Plowshares as a homeless veterans services provider success story.



VAUNTED VOLUNTEER -- Volunteer Bill Davis (center), Swords to Plowshares, accepts the California Veterans Board Certificate of Commendation from Steve Dakota (right) while Intake Coordinator James Robinson looks on. The commendation honors Davis as a homeless veterans services volunteer success story.



COORDINATOR COMMENDED -- Swords to Plowshares Intake Coordinator James Robinson (wearing baseball cap) accepts the California Veterans Board Certificate of Commendation from Steve Dakota (right). Looking on are (left) Executive Director Michael Blecker and volunteer Bill Davis. The commendation honors Robinson as a homeless veterans services employee success story.



ADVOCATE ACKNOWLEDGED -- Michael Blecker (left), executive director of Swords to Plowshares, accepts the California Veterans Board Certificate of Commendation from Steve Dakota (right). Looking on are Intake Coordinator James Robinson (wearing baseball cap) and volunteer Bill Davis. The commendation honors Blecker as a homeless veterans services director success story. Swords to Plowshares is a veterans' rights organization founded in 1974.



PREPARING TO PRESENT -- Steve Dakota (right) prepares to present California Veterans Board Certificates of Commendation at Swords to Plowshares in downtown San Francisco. Looking on (left to right) are Executive Director Michael Blecker, Intake Coordinator James Robinson and volunteer Bill Davis. The commendations honor Swords to Plowshares' success stories in five different categories: formerly homeless veteran and homeless veterans services director, employee, volunteer and provider (Photos/Swords to Plowshares).

Sacramento Veterans Resource Center (SVRC) presentations



SVRC's A-TEAM – Following his presentation of California Veterans Board Certificates of Commendation, Steve Dakota (left) joins Sacramento Veterans Resource Center (SVRC) staff members (left to right) Karen Johnson, drug and alcohol specialist; Rick Dibble, site director; Teresa Media, women veterans program specialist; Tom Owens, case manager, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program; and Margaret Ervin, outreach worker, Project HOPE. The commendations honor SVRC success stories in five different

categories: formerly homeless veteran and homeless veterans services director, employee, volunteer and provider (Photos/Sacramento Veterans Resource Center).



RICK PICKED -- Rick Dibble (left) accepts the California Veterans Board Certificate of Commendation from Steve Dakota, honoring him as a homeless veterans services director success story. Dibble, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, serves as site director of the Sacramento Veterans Resource Center, a division of Vietnam Veterans of California Inc.

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